# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TEXTILES
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3310
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CENSUS OF HANDLOOM SECTOR
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a proposal for conducting the census of handloom sector is pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so,the details thereof alongwith the reasons for delay in conducting the said census;and

(c) the time by which the said census is likely to be conducted and data released for formulation of development and welfare policies for the said sector?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c): The first census of Handlooms was conducted during the year 1987-88 and second census was conducted in the year 1995-96.Thus, the handloom censuses had been conducted at an interval of about a decade.

The work of conducting the Third National Census of Handlooms has been entrusted to the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER),New Delhi on 19.3.2008.As per terms of reference, the work is scheduled to be completed within a period of 18 months of award of work. The work is in progress.